

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PHNOM 14470 281137Z

16

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01

PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 OMB-01 IO-14 EB-11 COME-00 AGR-20

TRSE-00 CU-04 DRC-01 AID-20 /148 W

----- 108561

O R 281030Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4336

USIA IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION USUN NY

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY HONG KONG

CINCPAC

COMUSAG

UNCLAS PHNOM PENH 14470

USIA FOR IBS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, MILI, CB

SUBJ: LONG BORET GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM

1. PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET PRESENTED HIS CABINET AND
NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 28.

2. IN REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS AND THE WAR, THE PROGRAM:

(A) REITERATES THE GKR'S 6 JULY 1973 SIX-POINT
NEGOTIATING OFFER;

(B) COMMITS THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE "CLOSEST CO-OPERATION"
BETWEEN THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND THE ARMY;

(C) PROMISES A STRONGER CENTRAL COORDINATION OF
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PHNOM 14470 281137Z

PACIFICATION EFFORTS WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AND FORMATION OF CADRE; AND

(D) PLEDGES SCRUPULOUS APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION.

3. NOTING THAT INFLATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM FACING THE NEW GOVERNMENT, THE PROGRAM:

(A) PROMISES A "SUBSTANTIAL IMMEDIATE INCREASE" IN THE COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES OF ALL STATE EMPLOYEES, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, TO BE PROPOSED BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION WITHIN 15 DAYS;

(B) UNDERTAKES TO DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT RICE SO THAT THE PRICE WILL STABILIZE AT A REASONABLE LEVEL, WHILE THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS SIMPLIFIED, IMPROVED AND BETTER SUPERVISED;

(C) PROPOSES TO TAKE SPECIAL CREDIT AND IMPORT MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS, IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRODUCTIONS;*

(D) PLEDGES TO FORBID THE IMPORTATION OF LUXURY GOODS;

(E) COMMITS THE GOVERNMENT TO AN AUSTERITY PROGRAM, INCLUDING: STRICT APPLICATION OF NEW FANK PAY AND PERSONNEL SYSTEM; *ELIMINATION OF NON-NECESSARY CIVILIAN EXPENDITURES, ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUDGET, REDUCTION OF DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ATTACHE PERSONNEL IN MISSIONS ABROAD, ELIMINATION *F UNNECESSARY O*FICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EVERY TR*NSFER OF FUNDS ABROAD HAVE THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS;

(F) PROPOSES TO DEVELOP A TAX REFORM TO INCREASE RECEIPTS;

(G) PROMISES TAXATION OF SURPLUS WEALTH, SUCH AS LUXURY CARS AND LUXURY VILLAS;

(H) NOTES THAT SO FAR THE ECONOMIC BURDEN OF THE WAR HAS FALLEN MORE ON THE POOR AND MIDDLE CLASS THAN ON THE WEALTHY, WHO ARE ABLE TO CONSUME IMPORTED MERCHANDISE, AND PROMISES TO ADOPT A "REALISTIC MONETARY POLICY TO EVEN OUT THE BURDEN ON ALL CLASSES AND TO PREVENT FINANCIAL MANIPULATION;"

(I) PLEDGES REDOUBLED EFFORTS AGAINST CORRUPTION, INCLUDING ACCELERATED PROCEDURES FOR THE JUDGMENT OF FANK AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ACCUSED OF CORRUPTION AND AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE INSPECTORATE (CHARGED WITH REPRESSION OF CORRUPTION);

(J) NOTING THAT THE SITUATION OF WAR VICTIMS HAS UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 PHNOM 14470 281137Z

SUBSTANTIALLY DETERIORATED, PROPOSES CREATION OF A "POWERFUL, AUTONOMOUS AND NON-POLITICAL FOUNDATION" TO RESETTLE SOME 30,000 FAMILIES A YEAR.

4. THE PROGRAM PLEDGES PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PROVISION OF SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS AND SCHOOL BOOKS TO STUDENTS.

5. IT CLOSES BY COMMITTING THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF ITS PREDECESSORS, WITH EMPHASIS
ON REGIONAL COOPERATION, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND
PEACE.
ENDERS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CABINET, PRIME MINISTER, ECONOMIC PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PHNOM14470
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PHNOM PENH
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t1973123/aaaaabso.tel
Line Count: 119
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09-Aug-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <21-Aug-2001 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LONG BORET GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, MILI, CB, (LONG BORET)
To: STATE USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005